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SUBJ: CCD: 650TH PLENARY MEETING, AUGUST 8, 1974

1. SUMMARY: SPEAKERS AT AUG 8 PLENARY MEETING WERE USSR, MEXICO, AND HUNGARY. SOVIET STATEMENT DEALT WITH VARIETY OF NPT ISSUES, INCLUDING SAFEGUARDS, PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, AND ARTICLE VI, AND RESPONDED TO SWEDISH QUESTIONS ON "MINI-NUKES." MEXICAN STATEMENT COVERED JAPANESE DRAFT CW CONVENTION, CCD ENLARGEMENT AND REORGANIZATION, AND MOSCOW SUMMIT AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THRESHOLD TEST BAN. HUNGARIAN REP GAVE BRIEF FAREWELL ADDRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB ROSHCIN (USSR) SAID THAT, DESPITE CRITICISM OFTEN HEARD, NPT REPRESENTED OPTIMUM EXPRESSION OF THE EXISTING REALISTIC POSSIBILITIES OF CHECKING NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROLIFERATION. WHATEVER THE MOTIVES OF THOSE WHO ATTACKED TREATY, SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION WAS "OBJECTIVELY AIMED" AT WEAKENING NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME. WHILE HARMFULNESS OF SUCH ACTION MIGHT NOT BE SEEN TODAY, IN BROADER PERSPECTIVE EFFECTS COULD BE IRRETRIEVABLE. PRIMARY TASK WAS TO ENSURE FULL PARTICIPATION IN TREATY OF ALL NEAR-NUCLEAR STATES.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE NPT CONTROL SYSTEM, ROSHCIN SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ACCELERATE THE CONCLUSION OF THE RELEVANT UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY PROVISION STATING THAT EXPORTS OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT SOLELY UNDER IAEA CONTROL. IN RESPONSE TO SWEDISH PROPOSAL AT JULY 30 PLENARY FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF OWNERSHIP

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AND MANAGEMENT OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL, ROSHCIN STATED THAT PROPOSAL, LIKE BARUCH PLAN OF 1946, RAN COUNTER TO STATES' SOVEREIGN RIGHTS. SUCH A PROPOSAL COULD ONLY LEAD US AWAY FROM TASK OF STRENGTHENING PRESENT SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM BY EXTENDING IT TO OTHER STATES AND BY PERFECTING ITS OBSERVATION METHODS.

4. ROSHCIN NEXT TURNED TO ASSERTION IN SWEDISH STATE-

MENT JULY 30 THAT ARTICLE V OF NPT, PERTAINING TO PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, HAD SO FAR NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. HE SAID THAT, DUE TO LACK OF NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY, PNE'S HAD NOT YET BECOME PRACTICAL. THEREFORE, THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR SPEAKING OF FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT TREATY; RATHER IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY IMPLEMENTATION HAD SO FAR NOT TAKEN PLACE. IT SHOULD NONETHELESS BE POINTED OUT THAT PREPARATORY WORK FOR IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE V WAS ALREADY BEING DONE WITHIN IAEA FRAMEWORK.

5. NOTING THAT SOVIET GOV HAD REPEATEDLY STATED ITS DISSATISFACTION WITH COURSE OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI OF NPT, ROSHCIN SAID THAT, AT SAME TIME, ONE COULD NOT DISMISS SEVERAL IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS IN NUCLEAR FIELD, SUCH AS ABM TREATY, PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AGREEMENT, INTERIM AGREEMENT ON OFFENSIVE SYSTEMS, PROTOCOL TO AMB TREATY, AND THRESHOLD TEST BAN. HE STATED THAT SOVIET ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF TTb DIFFERED SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THAT OF SWEDEN IN ITS JULY 30 SPEECH. TTb PLACED LIMITATIONS ON UNDERGROUND TESTS FOR FIRST TIME AND NARROWED POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPMENT AND PERFECTION OF MOST POWERFUL, AND THEREFORE MOST DANGEROUS, WEAPONS. AGREEMENT ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL TRUST AND TO COMPLETE HALT OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. ROSHCIN SAID THAT, WHILE SUMMIT AGREEMENTS WERE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OBLIGATIONS UNDER NPT, SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO GO FURTHER. IT WAS READY TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT ON COMPLETE CESSATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS AND TO COME TO TERMS ON WITHDRAWAL FROM MEDITERRANEAN OF ALL SOVIET AND US WARSHIPS AND SUBMARINES CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROSHCHIN NOTED WITH REGRET THAT ALL NUCLEAR POWERS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN CURRENT DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID IMPORTANT TASK WAS TO ASSOCIATE ALL MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT STATES, INCLUDING ALL NUCLEAR AND NEAR-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES, WITH THE DISARMAMENT TALKS.

6. IN CONCLUSION, ROSHCIN ANSWERED SOME OF THE QUESTIONS ON "MINI-NUKES" PUT TO NUCLEAR POWERS IN CCD BY SWEDISH DELEGATION IN AUGUST 1973. SOVIET GOV, HE SAID, BELIEVED THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR DISTINGUISHING AMONG INDIVIDUAL TYPES OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR FOR TRYING TO EQUATE SOME TYPES OF SUCH WEAPONS TO CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS. PROCEEDING FROM THAT POSITION, HE WANTED TO STATE THAT USSR'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 255 AND UNDER PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

AGREEMENT COVERED ALL TYPES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WHATEVER THEIR POWER.

7. AMB GARCIA (ROBLES (MEXICO) HELD THAT THE FOUR MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN THE COMMITTEE REMAINED "INCOMPLETE AND MUTILATED," NOT BECAUSE OF LACK OF ACCESSIONS, BUT BECAUSE OF LACK OF COMPLIANCE WITH SEVERAL OF THE BASIC PROVISIONS OF THOSE AGREEMENTS, SUCH AS ARTICLES V AND VI OF NPT. ONE OF THE FEW POSITIVE ELEMENTS OF 1974 CCD SESSION HAD BEEN JAPANESE DRAFT CONVENTION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. HE HOPED THAT

THIS LAUDABLE EFFORT WOULD STIMULATE A POSITIVE REACTION BY SUPERPOWERS. HE ALSO HOPED THAT ENLARGEMENT OF CCD, WHICH WOULD DOUBTLESS BE SETTLED BY 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WOULD RESULT IN MAKING COMMITTEE MORE EFFECTIVE. FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PROCEED WITH THE COMMITTEE'S REORGANIZATION AT SAME TIME AS ENLARGEMENT.

8. GARCIA ROBLES TABLED
AS A CCD DOCUMENT (CCD/439)
THE US-SOVIET PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AGREEMENT AND
THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FURTHER
LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, WHICH HAD
ALREADY BEEN TABLED JOINTLY BY USSR AND US AS UNGA
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DOCUMENTS. HE SAID THESE DOCUMENTS WERE OF DIRECT INTEREST TO CCD, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF DISCREPANCY BETWEEN RESULTS OF 1974 MOSCOW SUMMIT AND PLEDGE, CONTAINED IN ARTICLE I OF "BASIC PRINCIPLES", THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD PURSUE OBJECTIVE OF SIGNING IN 1974 A PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

9. WITH RESPECT TO THRESHOLD TEST BAN, GARCIA ROBLES SAID THAT HE COULD NOT HELP FEELING SKEPTICAL ABOUT PLEDGE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE I PARA THREE THAT PARTIES WOULD CONTINUE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD ACHIEVING SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF CESSATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS. SINCE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT ENTER INTO FORCE UNTIL MARCH 31, 1976, WE COULD LOOK FORWARD TO TWENTY MONTHS OF UNBRIDLED COMPETITION IN NUCLEAR TESTING. HE SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO EXPERTS, US AND USSR WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY TESTING NEW GENERATION OF WARHEADS BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE. HE CONCLUDED THAT, IN VIEW OF EFFECTIVE DATE AND SMALL PERCENTAGE OF TESTS CURRENTLY CONDUCTED ABOVE 150 KILOTONS, TTB WOULD HAVE NO MODERATING EFFECT ON NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

10. AMB KOMIVES (HUNGARY), WHO WILL BE DEPARTING
SHORTLY FOR NEW ASSIGNMENT IN BUDAPEST, GAVE BRIEF
FAREWELL ADDRESS.

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